

BROWN WILL HANG.

Murderer of Engineer Wesson Can Now Get Ready for the Long Leap.

The supreme court has affirmed the decision of Judge Bullock in the case of J. B. Brown, the negro convicted at the fall term of the circuit court for the diabolical murder of Harry E. Wesson, and who was sentenced by the governor to be hanged in the jail yard here last January.

The case was subsequently appealed to the supreme court and a stay of execution granted pending the decision of the higher court.

The supreme court has passed upon the character of the evidence as well as the whole proceeding of the lower court and has unanimously reaffirmed its findings.

John E. Marshall, attorney for Brown, has carried the decision of the supreme court around in his pocket for several days, but he refused to either confirm or deny that the decision had been rendered. However, the News is not dependent solely upon Mr. Marshall for the facts in the case.

All that remains now to do is for the governor to issue another death warrant and fix a day for the execution, which will be done without unnecessary delay.

Plant System Sold.

President R. G. Erwin, president of the Savannah, Florida & Western R'y., is authority for the following statement:

"Negotiations have been completed under which it is arranged that the Savannah, Florida and Western Railway Company will, on or before the 1st of July, 1902, be consolidated with and become the property of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company. The negotiations also contemplate that the other railway properties of the Plant System will pass under the control of the Atlantic Coast Line at the same time. It has also been agreed that when the consolidation takes place, the Southern Railway shall have trackage right thereafter for all of its trains, both passenger and freight, over the line between Savannah and Jacksonville, thus making Jacksonville the southern terminus of the Southern Railway Company for its Florida service to and from the East and West."

Just what effect this deal will have upon the future of Palatka, it is impossible at this time even to conjecture. There is, however, reasonable ground for hope that the consolidation means better treatment for this place; that hope, of course, being based upon the fact that it would be next to impossible for the new company to record worse.

Is Frank Hepburn "Natty?"

The petition of E. S. Crill, A. M. Houghton, J. H. Haughton, Rev. Douglas Matthews and Henry Strunz, who state that their knowledge of Frank Hepburn's physical and mental condition is sufficient to warrant them in the belief that he is insane, and therefore praying that an examination be instituted and made into his physical and mental condition as provided by law, with a view of confining him in the state asylum, was filed before County Judge Cox last week, who thereupon ordered the investigation.

The committee appointed to hear the testimony consists of Drs. W. H. Cyrus and Geo. E. Welch, and Mr. J. D. Points. The committee met in the court house last Friday morning. Attorney Strunz represented the petitioners and attorneys Walter M. Davis and P. H. Odum appeared for Mr. Hepburn. Before proceeding with the hearing the attorneys had an argument as to whether the hearing should be held before the committee alone, or whether Judge Cox should sit with the committee and rule upon the admissibility of evidence. It has been the custom heretofore for the committee to retire and hear the testimony, then make its recommendations to the court, when the judge rendered his decision according to the recommendations of the committee. Judge Cox, however, ruled that it was proper for him to sit with the committee, which he proceeded to do.

Some testimony was taken during Friday evening, but as Dr. Welch was called away and the circuit court would be in session all of this week, the case was postponed until Thursday the 17th inst.

The case is causing considerable talk, and opinion seems to be very evenly divided regarding the mental condition of the man whose liberty has thus been placed in jeopardy.

The gentlemen who signed the petition feel that in this act they have performed a duty, not only to the community but to the party whose mental and physical condition they believe to be unsound.

Mr. Hepburn is the superintendent of the Monckridge Manufacturing Company in this city. He has lived here four years, and is a man of acknowledged ability, but has generally been considered eccentric, to say the least. He is an Englishman.

The City Election.

The annual election for municipal officers occurred on Tuesday. There was no contest from the regular nominations, therefore a light vote was polled. Dr. Geo. E. Welch was elected mayor, and on Wednesday at 2 o'clock the retiring mayor, Hon. L. C. Stephens, administered the oath to his successor in the office of Drs. Cyrus and Welch.

Notice to Veterans.

The Veterans Association, Blue and Gray, will hold its annual meeting on Friday, April 11, at 7:30 p. m., at clerk's office in court house. Business: Election of officers, and preparation for annual picnic. All veterans invited. By order, W. H. CYRUS, Captain, J. E. MARSALE, Adjt.

Guards-Knocker Game.

The game of base ball between the teams of the Gam City Guards and the Knocker Athletic Club was pulled off as advertised last Friday afternoon at the ball park in this city, and resulted in a victory for the former to the tune of 14 to 5.

The attendance was good, and the initial game of the season proved exciting and interesting to lovers of the sport, as well as everyone present.

For the first three innings the Knockers failed to make connection with Master's puzzling curves, and were retired without a run to their credit, while their opponents showed five men across the home plate. Up until the last half of the fifth inning the game looked as if it was going to be a close one, but a disagreement proved disastrous for the Knockers, who had three men on bases and heavy hitters at the bat. Through some mistake the side was announced retired when there were only two men out, and the base runners left their positions. At this juncture Sanford for the soldiers secured the ball and stood on 3d base, thus retiring the side. Then the argument began which lasted some minutes, and spectators started to leave. But the difference was settled to the satisfaction of all and the play proceeded as before.

Both sides made a most excellent showing, and there is no question of doubt but that a cracker-jack team could be selected from the two.

The score by innings was as follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
K. A. C.	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	5
G. C. G.	2	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	14

Batteries, Wattles and McVea; Masters and Sanford.

Umpire, Dr. A. M. Steen.

There is one thing the News has been asked to call attention to and it is nothing less than the promiscuous ringing of cow-bells at these games. It is a nuisance and pronounced highly disrespectful, and should be prohibited on the grandstand at least if nowhere else. This has been a subject of much comment, for there are many ladies in attendance upon all the games played at the park, and their presence should be honored with due respect. The manager should see to it that the bells are barred at future games.

Circuit Court Proceedings.

The spring term of Circuit Court convened Tuesday morning, Judge W. S. Bullock presiding.

The grand jury was empaneled and sworn and is as follows: A. J. Pahn, Jos. Courier, Alex. Grainger, W. M. Salama, J. H. Babers, A. W. Craig, L. W. Fennell, R. H. Brown, J. H. Thos. Murray, Dan O'Driscoll, L. M. Baldwin, Holmes Erwin, E. G. Galtin, W. S. Holloway, Jackson, Wilkinson, Sam Tilton, E. D. Dancy and G. W. Moles. Holmes Erwin was elected as foreman and E. W. Clark was sworn in as bailiff.

The court ordered a special venire to issue to summon six additional jurors to complete the panel. Those empaneled were W. E. Wattle, E. P. Laue, M. Salama, Jr., D. P. Hancock, J. G. Jordan and H. Peterson.

The following cases have been disposed of:

State vs. J. J. Johnson, murder, not pressed.

The Cameron & Barkley Co., vs. Edith Renz, assumpsit, dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

L. Peebles vs. J. B. D. Woodburn & Co., assumpsit, continued by consent of counsel.

J. Walter Hilliard vs. Chas. T. Clark, assumpsit, no agreement.

State vs. James Atkins, grand larceny, plea guilty, sentenced to confinement at hard labor in county jail for five months.

State vs. James Mack, burglary, plea guilty, sentenced to confinement at hard labor in county jail for five years.

State vs. Edward Ransom, information, selling liquor without license, plea guilty.

State vs. Tony Alken, indictment, grand larceny, plea guilty.

State vs. A. J. Deni, information, selling liquor without license, jury rendered verdict of guilty.

The grand jury has found true bills in the following additional cases:

Wm. Chung, grand larceny; Wm. Green, murder; Henry Davis and Tony Alken, receiving stolen goods, securities granted; Alexander Perkins, assault with intent to murder.

The Musicals.

The Woman's Fortnightly Club gave its fourth musicale last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Douglas Matthews. There was a large attendance of the club members and invited friends, for all appreciate the high order of entertainment which it had been the custom of the ladies to provide at these afternoon musicals.

The News regrets exceedingly its inability to accept the kind invitation extended by the ladies to have a representative present, but a member of the club has furnished as the following program of the music rendered:

Piano Duet—Overture to Egmont; Beethoven—Madames Selden and Wilson.

Vocal Solo.—Springtime, Fesen; Lullaby from Jocelyn, Godard; Mrs. Bassett.

Vocal Duet.—When the Stars are Brightly Shining, Geibel—Misses Dunn and Green.

Piano Solo.—Prelude, Chopin; Andante, Sonata, Beethoven—Mrs. Selden.

Vocal Solo.—Again, Stults—Mrs. Merriam.

Reading.—How Ruby Played—Mrs. Hilburn.

Vocal Solo.—A Dream of Love, Spencer; May Time, Spinks—Miss Dunn.

Reading.—The Soul of the Violin—Mrs. Hilburn.

Dr. C. W. Keel, the painless tooth extractor will remain in Palatka until April 19th. Those wishing dental work should call and see him. Prices reasonable. Office over Ryan's furniture store.

The New City Council.

The new city council met for organization last night. Dr. A. M. Steen was re-elected president.

The following are the members of the new board: B. I. Gay, W. A. Wallon, A. M. Steen, A. R. Cartmel, J. D. Points, Robt. James, S. J. Kennerly, A. Usher, Wm. Ivers, A. W. Strang, J. D. Jeffords, John McMillan, John W. Hagan, and Thos. O. Livingston.

The following appointive municipal officers were made by ballots of councilmen:

Municipal Judge, E. E. Haskell, Clerk, Collector and Assessor, J. N. Blackwell.

Treasurer, F. J. Fearside.

Chief of Police, P. M. Hagan.

Policeman, D. G. Sanford and P. L. Tipples.

Scavenger, Ned Boyle.

The appointments of city attorney and sanitary inspector were put off until the next regular meeting.

President Steen announced that the appointment of standing committees would be made next Tuesday night, to which date the council adjourned.

City Happenings and Personal Mention.

The tax books closed last Monday. F. C. Blanchard, Tax Collector.

J. L. Maull, prominent citizen of Crescent City, was in town yesterday.

Painters are at work beautifying the interior of St. James Methodist church.

Mrs. Boyett, of New Smyrna, was a pleasant shopper here one day this week.

Tax Assessor Geo. F. Ballard, of McMeekin, was in the city several days this week.

J. H. Babers, of Huntington, is one of the grand jurors at this term of the circuit court.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Warr, of Bridgeport, were business visitors in town Wednesday.

Mr. G. W. Moley, a prominent citizen of Florham, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Dr. Frank McRea, mayor of Melbourne and member of the legislature, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Samuel Browning, of that thriving little settlement, Francis, was a visitor in Palatka on Tuesday.

Mr. Benj. McGraw, one of the pioneer citizens of Buffalo Bluff, was greeting friends in this city on Tuesday.

Strawberries are plentiful in the market at 10 cents per quart and many there be who find them profitable eating at that price.

The members of the new council met last night at James' restaurant on the invitation of the new municipal judge, Hon. E. E. Haskell.

Quite a number of Palatkans went down to Jacksonville on the steamer Crescent last Sunday morning, returning that night.

J. E. Lane of Grandin, has been spending some time in the city this week on business and for the fun of it. Mr. Lane leaves next week for a summer in Michigan.

Mr. Wm. Cook, a prominent citizen of Kuka, was a visitor in the city on Monday. Mr. Cook and his wife expect to leave shortly for Michigan where they will spend the summer.

Miss Leone Ennis left Wednesday morning for her home in Smithville Ga., where she will spend a month with relatives. Miss Ennis is generally favorite in social circles of Palatka.

An entertainment under the auspices of the Jews will be given at the opera house on April 22. A musical program will be rendered that will be appreciated by lovers of good music.

The Crescent City Juniors and the school boy base ball players of this city will cross bats at the ball park Saturday afternoon. It will be a great game; a small admission fee will be charged.

Mrs. Flowers entertained a large number of friends at a party at her home, on Oak street, Monday evening of this week. The time was whiled away with games, after which a delicious repast was served. The young people all report an enjoyable time.

Mr. Holmes Erwin, of Pomona, is in the city this week. Mr. Erwin is serving in the capacity of foreman of the grand jury at this term of the circuit court. He also has the distinction of having been selected on every jury of this tribunal for the past five years.

Among the new advertisements in the News this week is that of J. R. Cone & Son, grocers, whose new place of business is on Second street, next east of the S. E. Bond Company. The new firm takes especial pride in the neatness and completeness of its new stock.

Albert Jenkins was in the city several days last week on a visit to his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Jenkins, on Emmett street. Albert is attending a business college, pursuing a course in stenography, in Fernandina, to which place he returned Sunday to resume his studies.

A reception was given the children who participated in the recent "Little Snow White" entertainment at the hospitable winter home of R. J. Mellon, on Saturday afternoon, and the lovely of happy little souls enjoyed the occasion only as children can. An elegant lunch was spread under the tropical shrubbery on the lawn and everything was suggestive of a merry, picnic time, and it was that, too.

On Monday evening a very pleasant informal dance was given at the Knocker club room by the Knocker Maidens, complimentary to the club of which it is the "better half." The hall was appropriately decorated by the young ladies and presented a very pretty appearance. About 50 young society people were present, and Terpsichore reigned supreme until a late hour. All present report a splendid time. Good piano music was furnished by local talent.

Messrs. Chas. M. Morgan, Gus F. Masters and Paul Colmar, of Green Cove Springs, came to Palatka Wednesday morning on Mr. Morgan's handsome pleasure yacht, "The Quicksip." While coming through the draw here the boat ran into the bridge and sustained considerable damages which necessitated a stop for repairs. The party is bound for the headwaters of the St. Johns river for a month's fishing and hunting.

While They Last



READY MADE
MOSQUITO CANOPIES
COMPLETE
98 Cents

They are the \$1.25 kind
and will go quickly

Leo Jacobson, Palatka, Fla.

A. B. Torrey, of Crescent City is in the city this week attending court.

For several days past a gang of workmen have been busily engaged in repairing the old J. T. & K. W. Railway shops in the western part of town. The buildings are being painted, new floors and sills put in and many other improvements made which begins to look as if there is something behind it all that might prove to the material advantage of Palatka.

There is an opinion expressed in some quarters that it might possibly mean the re-establishment of the repair shops in this city.

CHILDREN'S COUGHS AND COLDS.

Mrs. Joe McGrath, 327 1st St., Hutchinson, writes: "I have given Ballard's Horehound Syrup to my children for coughs and colds for the past four years, and find it the best medicine I ever used."

Unlike many cough syrups, it contains no opium, but will soothe and heal any disease of the throat or lungs quicker than any other remedy. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Ask of Ackerman & Stewart's, Palatka, and Lounds' drug store, Crescent City.

John Bond's Specials.

R. & G. Corsets, 50 cents up Warner Bros.' Corsets will be closed out. Must go at something.

Ladies' and Misses Trimmed Hats in great quantity.

Window Shades, 10 cents each JOHN BOND'S BACKET STORE, Palatka Florida.

Mrs. Tucker Quits her Job.

A telegram received in this city on Tuesday from Florham states that Mrs. Tucker has left for parts unknown. The lady whose departure is thus announced is the wife of A. D. Tucker of that place whose mental condition was recently investigated before Judge Cox, and by the judge committed to the insane asylum, but who was subsequently restored to liberty upon a writ of habeas corpus.

Mr. Tucker was in Palatka last Monday. He came here on the early morning train, returning to his home the same evening. On his return that night Mrs. Tucker was absent. Next morning Tucker investigated and learned that she had packed up and left town.

A gentleman from Florham stated to the News on Wednesday that Mrs. Tucker spent Monday night with friends and on the following morning took the train at Grandin for her old home in the north. From the same authority it is also learned that Mrs. Tucker stated that before her husband left her Monday morning he administered to her a severe beating, tore her clothes, etc., and that this treatment constituted her sole reason for quitting his home.

There are others who say that Mrs. Tucker was the moving spirit in the recent investigation of her husband's mental condition; that the old man had domestic, as well as neighborhood troubles, real or fancied, to worry him.

Anyway Mrs. Tucker has quit her position as wife and has gone from the colony. The home is in her name, having been deeded to her by the company at her husband's request.

SO SWEET AND PLEASING IN TASTE.

Mrs. C. Peterson, 625 Lake St., Topoka, Kan., speaks of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, says: "It has never failed to give entire satisfaction, and of all cough remedies, it is my favorite, and I must confess to my many friends that it will do, and has done, what is claimed for it—to speedily cure a cough, or cold; and it is so sweet and pleasing in taste."

25c, 50c and \$1 per bottle at Ackerman & Stewart's, Palatka, and Lounds' drug store Crescent City.

John Bond's Specials.

Elastic Seam Drawers, 48 cents Good Suspenders, 8 cents Celluloid Collars, 5 cents Celluloid Cuffs, 10 cents 25c Doz. Clothes Pins, 5 cents Big Pack Toilet Paper, 5 cents Pure Coffee or Tea, 18 cents JOHN BOND'S, Palatka, Fla.

FOR SALE—A ladies Victoria wheel, ridden very little, will sell for less than half its cost. Call or inquire of the News for information.

John Bond's Specials.

Best Baby Ribbon, 1 cent a yd Big Lot Embroideries, 5 cents a yd " " " 10 cents up 40 in. White Lawn, 10 cents a yd 36 in. Fruit of Loom, 9 cents a yd Mosquito Nets, 98 cents JOHN BOND'S, Palatka, Fla.

J. Larkins, one of the students of The American School of Correspondence of Boston, has just been awarded two certificates for free scholarship in that school. He will be glad to turn them over to two young men who are anxious to study steam, electrical or mechanical engineering. Write or call on him at once.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Palatka Hotel Company will be held at the Putnam House, Palatka, Florida, at 1 p. m., on Monday, April 14th, 1902, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

Lewis W. Klahr, Secretary.

For Sale.

Palms, the beautiful Japanese Ferns, Geraniums, Calas and Easter Lilies, Pansy plants with many desirable varieties, at the Palatka Greenhouse, near union depot.

By Mrs. C. B. Heston.

Palatka, Fla.

Furniture, Undertaking and Embalming.

I have purchased the stock of the late W. C. Snow and will continue the business at the old stand on Lemon street.

An elegant line of new goods now on the way.

R. S. MOONEY, Palatka, Fla.

For Sale.

Palms, the beautiful Japanese Ferns, Geraniums, Calas and Easter Lilies, Pansy plants with many desirable varieties, at the Palatka Greenhouse, near union depot.

By Mrs. C. B. Heston.

Palatka, Fla.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Palatka Hotel Company will be held at the Putnam House, Palatka, Florida, at 1 p. m., on Monday, April 14th, 1902, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

Lewis W. Klahr, Secretary.

Martin Griffin & Co.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN

HARDWARE

Stoves, Tinware, Doors, Sash, Blinds, Glass, Paints, Oils, Farming Implements, Barbed Wire, Iron, Ammunition, Refrigerators, Ice Cream Freezers, Blue Flame and Gasoline Stoves, Lawn Mowers, Chattanooga and Bass Plows, Deering Ball Bearing Mowing Machines.

The Chattanooga Disc Plows

The Celebrated O. K. Stoves and Ranges

Steam Fitting, Tinning and Plumbing a Specialty

A. E. WILSON, PRESIDENT. GEO. E. WELCH, VICE PRESIDENT. T. B. MERRILL, CASHIER.

The Putnam National Bank of Palatka

We solicit the accounts of the people throughout Putnam County, and tender all the courtesies and accommodations consistent with good banking.

Empty Kerosene Barrels Wanted.

Write the MONKIDGE MFG. CO., Palatka, Fla.

JUST RECEIVED

NEW CROP OF

Landreth's Garden Seed

FOR

SPRING PLANTING

At City Drug Store,

Harry E. Stewart.

PREScriptions

CAREFULLY COMPOUNDED.

Ocean House, Sea Breeze, Florida.

Open all the year, rates \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day.

CHAS. KUPPERBUSCH, Prop't.

ON THE BEACH, Sea Breeze, Florida.

(Opposite Daytona)

Open all the year, rates \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day.

CHAS. KUPPERBUSCH, Prop't.

ON THE BEACH, Sea Breeze, Florida.

(Opposite Daytona)

Open all the year, rates \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day.

CHAS. KUPPERBUSCH, Prop't.

ON THE BEACH, Sea Breeze, Florida.

(Opposite Daytona)

Open all the year, rates \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day.

CHAS. KUPPERBUSCH, Prop't.

ON THE BEACH, Sea Breeze, Florida.

(Opposite Daytona)

Open all the year, rates \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day.

CHAS. KUPPERBUSCH, Prop't.

ON THE BEACH, Sea Breeze, Florida.

(Opposite Daytona)

Open all the year, rates \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day.

CHAS. KUPPERBUSCH, Prop't.

ON THE BEACH, Sea Breeze, Florida.

(Opposite Daytona)

Open all the year, rates \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day.

CHAS. KUPPERBUSCH, Prop't.

ON THE BEACH, Sea Breeze, Florida.

(Opposite Daytona)

Open all the year, rates \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day.

CHAS. KUPPERBUSCH, Prop't.

ON THE BEACH, Sea Breeze, Florida.

(Opposite Daytona)

Open all the year, rates \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day.

CHAS. KUPPERBUSCH, Prop't.